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Subject: Colville National Forest Bi-Annual Monitoring Report Extension

To: Forest Plan Revision - Interested Parties

I am writing to provide notice that the Colville National Forest will be taking an additional year to prepare and release our first Biannual Monitoring Report under the Revised Forest Plan.

The Revised Colville Forest Plan was signed on October 21, 2019; with an effective date of November 19, 2019. Since then, the forest has been incredibly busy with regular program work, weathering the COVID-19 pandemic, and committing staff to respond to historic wildfire seasons. Additionally, we are just starting to sign decisions that fall under the Revised Forest Plan, as such we do not yet have a robust set of activities to monitor.

These exigencies prompted me to postpone the first monitoring report for our Revised Forest Plan by one year, as allowed by the 2012 Planning Rule (36 CFR §219.12 (d)(iii)). Instead of being available two years after the effective date of the plan decision, you can expect the first BMER report three years from the effective date. You can expect our first Bi-Annual Monitoring report to be publicly available by November, 2022.

This notice is provided prior to the date the report is due consistent with the requirements for public notification at (36 CFR §219.16(c)(6)). If you need additional information regarding Forest Plan Monitoring, please contact Christy Merritt at christy.merritt@usda.gov.

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